

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Optometry hereby amends Chapter 180, "Licensure of Optometrists," Chapter 181, "Continuing Education for Optometrists," and Chapter 182, "Practice of Optometrists," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments update requirements for optometry licensure to be consistent with Iowa Code chapters 147 and 154 and remove outdated language.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 3, 2013, as **ARC 0680C**. A public hearing was held on April 23, 2013, from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room 526, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. No public comment was received on the proposed amendments. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

These amendments were adopted by the Iowa Board of Optometry on July 11, 2013.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.34, 147.49, 154.1, 154.3, 154.10 and 272C.2.

These amendments will become effective on September 11, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Rescind the definitions of "Diagnostically certified optometrist," "DPA" and "Reciprocal license" in rule **645—180.1(154)**.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **645—180.1(154)**, definition of "Therapeutically certified optometrist," as follows:

~~"Therapeutically certified optometrist~~ Optometrist" means an optometrist who is licensed to practice optometry in Iowa and who is certified by the board of optometry to use employ all diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for the purpose of diagnosis and treatment of the conditions of the human eye and adnexa, excluding the use of injections other than to counteract an anaphylactic reaction, and notwithstanding Iowa Code section 147.107, may without charge supply any of the above pharmaceuticals to commence a course of therapy, with the exclusions cited in Iowa Code chapter 154.

ITEM 3. Rescind and reserve subrule **180.2(2)**.

ITEM 4. Amend rule 645—180.3(154), introductory paragraph, as follows:

645—180.3(154) Licensure by endorsement. An applicant who has been a licensed optometrist under laws of another jurisdiction for three years or more shall file an application for licensure by endorsement with the board office. ~~An applicant for licensure to practice optometry in Iowa may only apply to be a therapeutically certified optometrist.~~ The board may receive by endorsement any applicant from the District of Columbia or another state, territory, province or foreign country who:

ITEM 5. Amend subrule 180.3(3) as follows:

180.3(3) Provides an official copy of the transcript sent directly from the school to the board office. The transcript shall show a doctor of optometry degree from an accredited school. In the case of foreign graduates, applicants shall provide evidence of adherence to the current requirements of the NBEO to sit for the NBEO examination;

ITEM 6. Amend subparagraph **181.3(2)"c"(2)**, paragraph "**1**," as follows:

1. ~~Twenty~~ A combined total of 40 hours required from COPE Category B (Ocular Disease and Management) and ~~20 hours required from~~ COPE Category C (Related Systemic Disease) with a minimum of 14 hours in each category; and

ITEM 7. Amend rule 645—182.4(155A), introductory paragraph, as follows:

645—182.4(155A) Prescription drug orders. Each prescription drug order furnished by a ~~therapeutically certified~~ an optometrist in this state shall meet the following requirements:

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